

REMARKS

This is in response to the Official Action mailed April 19, 2004, notifying Applicants of a restriction requirement. Applicants believe that no fees are required with this response. If any fees are required, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge the same to the account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435, with reference to our matter number 32993-72730

Claims 1-37 are pending in the application and the Examiner has required restriction between two groups of claims drawn to allegedly separate and distinct inventions:

Group I, claims 1-12, drawn to a column, and

Group II, claims 13-37, drawn to a method of chromatographic separation.

Applicants elect the claims of Group I, claims 1-12 for prosecution in the present application, with traverse. As indicated above Applicants have withdrawn claims 13-37 from non-elected Group II.

The Examiner further has required Applicants to make an election of species. Applicants elect the species sulfonic acid of claim 3. Claims readable on this species election include 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12.

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for substantive examination.

Respectfully submitted



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